

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host-wizard component;

providing one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are browser based object components.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are operating system based application component object extensions.

4. (Previously Presented) A system for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

a host-wizard, said host-wizard having a host-wizard interface adapted to communicate with other wizards and a host-wizard navigational component adapted to transfer control to other wizards;

one or more sub-wizard components, said one or more sub-wizard components having sub-wizard interfaces adapted to communicate with other wizards and sub-wizard navigational components adapted to transfer control to other wizards; wherein said host-wizard can communicate with said one or more sub-wizard components through said host-wizard interface and at least one of said sub-wizard interfaces; and wherein control is transferred between said host-wizard and said one or more sub-wizard components through said host-wizard navigational component and said sub-wizard navigational component, thereby creating an extended wizard.

5. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 4 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are browser based object components.

6. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 4 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are component object extensions.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

providing a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control adapted to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

providing a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard; and

providing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host-wizard component;

providing one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

9. (Previously Presented) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host-wizard component;

providing one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

providing a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control adapted to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

providing a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard; and

providing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

providing a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;;

providing a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control adapted to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

providing a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard;; and

providing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

12. (Original) A method for use in a computing environment for chaining wizards comprising:

providing a first wizard;

providing a second wizard; and

providing at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein said first wizard is selected from the group consisting of an operating system based wizard and a web based wizard; and

said second wizard is selected from the group consisting of an operating system based wizard and a web based wizard.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for chaining wizards comprising:

providing a first wizard having panels to guide a user through a first task;
providing a second wizard having panels to guide a user through a second task; and
providing at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard to guide a user through the first and second tasks.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for use in a computing environment for chaining wizards comprising:

providing a first wizard that details instructions associated with a first task;
providing a second wizard that details instructions associated with a second task; and

providing at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard to detail instructions associated with the first and second tasks.

16 (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:
passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

17 (New) The method according to claim 4, wherein transferring control between said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components through said host wizard navigational component and said sub-wizard navigational component, further comprises:
passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

18 (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:
passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

19 (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:
passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

20 (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizard to chain said second wizard to said first wizard further comprises:
control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components passes a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.